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Subject: Decision Memo Requesting State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Concurrence on No Effect Determination for Dugout Canyon Mine G18, G31 Degas Well and Access Road Amendment, Dugout Canyon Mine, Canyon Fuel Company, C/007/0039, Task ID #2828, Outgoing File

Dear Dr. Seddon:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is requesting your concurrence with our site eligibility and effect determinations for Dugout Canyon Mine G18 and G31 Degas Well and Access Road amendment. This proposed well would add to the G1-G19 well series previously approved by the Division. The enclosed Senco-Phenix reports include the following list and applicable sites proposed for this current action.

May 24, 2007

- SPUT 553
- Results for
  - AMV access road between G19 (previously reviewed) and G31
  - G22 (not part of the current amendment)

July 30, 2007

- SPUT 557
- Results for
  - G18
  - Branching road from proposed AMV road to G18

June 20, 2001

- SPUT 387
- Results for
  - DT 3 = G31
  - Other unrelated and previously proposed disturbances.

File in:

C/0070039 2007 Outgoing

Refer to:

☒ Confidential

☐ Shelf

☒ Expandable

Date 8/27/07 for additional information



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This 2001 report was previously submitted and reviewed for another project. DT3 was a proposed exploration hole that was never drilled. The currently proposed G31 is at the same location as DT3. Although the DT3 proposed action was different from the currently proposed degas hole (G31), the survey results should still be applicable because 1) the acreage surveyed (5 acres; Vicky Miller 8/27/07 email) for DT3 covers the G31 proposed disturbance area and 2) the actions are similar in nature.

This proposed disturbances would be located in Carbon County, Utah, (Mount Bartles 7.5 Minute Quadrangle map). The legal description is Township 13 South and Range 13 East Section 20 (enclosed map). The Bureau of Land Management is the subsurface owner and a private title-holder is the surface owner.

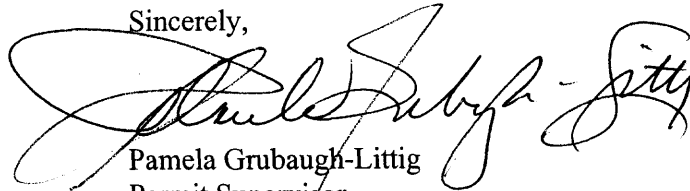
The proposed surface disturbance for G18 and its branching road would be 4.7 acres, G31 would be 1.75 acres, and the AMV road between G19 and G31 would be 14 acres. G18 and its branching road have not been previously disturbed for mining or other land uses, but logging and grazing have previously disturbed G31 and the AMV road.

The Division reviewed the three Class III intensive cultural inventories and the results show that there are no cultural or historic sites near the proposed project areas. All sites recorded (2007: 42CB2621; 2001: 42CB292, 42CB1595, 42CB1596, and two incidental finds) are recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and all are located 1,000 to 2,000 feet away from the proposed disturbances.

The Division considers that the proposed Dugout Canyon Mine degas well would have "no effect" on cultural resources because there have been no sites observed near the proposed disturbance areas and there is a low potential of unknown sites that could be observed. The Division requests your concurrence with our effect determination that the proposed Dugout Canyon Mine degas well would have "no effect" on cultural resources.

If appropriate, please sign the concurrence statement below, and return it to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us - Pamela Grubaugh-Littig at (801) 538-5286, or Jerriann Ernstsens at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,



Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor

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**Concurrence:** I concur with the determination made by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that the proposed Dugout Canyon Mine, G18, G31 Degas Well and Access Road project would have no effect on historic properties and is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Utah State Historic Preservation Officer